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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMB. MELOY FROM RYAN

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED \$25 MILLION RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
GRANT FOR GUATEMALA

1. ANTICIPATE ADMINISTRATION WILL REQUEST SPECIAL LEGIS-

LATION VERY SHORTLY AND HOPEFULLY BY FEBRUARY 19 PROVIDING
FOR \$25 MILLION GRANT TO ASSIST IN RELIEF AND REHABILITA-
TION OF VICTIMS OF GUATEMALAN DISASTER. PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

(1) UP TO \$7.5 MILLION TO COVER COSTS OF ONGOING EMERGENCY
RELIEF OPERATIONS; (2) UP TO \$7.5 MILLION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY
BUILDING MATERIALS AND HAND TOOLS, ETC. TO HELP CONSTRUCT
UP TO 100,000 RURAL AND SMALL COMMUNITY DWELLINGS AS WELL

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AS RELATIVELY SIMPLE SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES;

(3) UP TO \$7.5 MILLION TO FINANCE WORK NECESSARY TO OPEN UP GUATEMALA CITY-CARIBBEAN HIGHWAY AND OTHER VITAL ACCESS ROADS, ESPECIALLY IN HIGHLANDS, AND (4) UP TO \$2.5 MILLION FOR OTHER URGENT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS ELIMINATION OF NATURALLY-FORMED DAMS THREATENING EVENTUAL FLOODING.

2. PROPOSAL WILL NOTE POSSIBILITY FOR SOME SHIFTS IN APPLICATION OF FUNDS AS ASSESSMENTS OF NEEDS AND COSTS CONTINUE TO BE REFINED AND AS THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF

THE GOG ITSELF AND ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER DONORS BECOMES CLEARER. EMPHASIS IN JUSTIFICATION IS HEAVY ON NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY SO AS TO COMPLETE ESSENTIAL WORK IN NEXT 90 DAYS BEFORE ONSET OF RAINY SEASON.

3. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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